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HARD AT WORK DURING ONE OF THEIR EARLIER open budget meetings is the Suffield Board of Education. Though the open sessions drew little or no response from Suffield citizens, these taxpayers are looking at a \$5.8 million budget, which, according to budget subcommittee member Gary Mandirola, represents less educational spending than two years ago. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Finance Comm. Approves Budget

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: The Board of Finance unanimously accepted the \$9 million budget presented to them Monday night by the budget sub-committee for the 1983-84 fiscal year.

This budget will require a 3.7 mill tax increase and represents a 9% increase over this year's budget. Townspeople will have an opportunity to voice their opinions when the package is presented at a May 4th public hearing.

Chairman of the budget sub-committee Rockwood Berry stated Monday night, "We are at the point where if we cut any of the budgets, we might as well cut the whole thing."

Finance Board Chairman Dennis Kreps remarked, "If cuts are made, it will be a matter of cutting programs out."

Berry took this point further, noting that if there are any more cuts, 65% would have to come out of Board of Education budget. He explained that the school budget of \$5.8 million was left intact by the sub-committee because there is no area where cuts can be made without downgrading the quality of education.

Third Selectman Howard Lloyd told the board, "It is very remiss that the Board of Education budget is not touched at all and other budgets are. It looks like the Board of Education is perfect and others are not." He added that cuts should be evenly distributed among budgets in the same proportions.

Kreps explained that the Board of Education was involved in a budget review process from the beginning and that the board had held hearings to keep the public informed.

Finance Board member Gary Mandirola noted that the administration was advised early on by the board to make certain cuts in the education budget. The Board of Education will be spending less next year than they did two years ago, according to Mandirola.

However, teachers in the school system will receive 9.7% pay increases if the 1983-84 education budget is approved. In addition, town workers including fire, police, and highway employees will receive 9% raises, although elected officials will not get any pay increases, according to Berry.

First Selectman Ron Birmingham expressed concern over how much of his \$53,000 budget will be cut if the town votes to decrease the mill rate.

Kreps explained that the board is not given many options with regard to the selectmen's budget because 85% of it consists of fixed amounts.

Other non-adjustable expenditures include street lights, insurance costs, and fire hydrants, Berry pointed out. He noted that Suffield will be paying nearly 50% more next year to the Connecticut Water Company of Clinton, which maintains and services fire hydrants in town. This budget amounts to \$120,000 alone.

Berry also noted that in addition to employee raises, the Fire Commission will be getting funds to repair the fire station roof. Also, if the Police Commission budget is approved, there will be funds allotted for two more patrolmen and one new cruiser.

However, engineering and conservation consultants for the town will not receive the 9% pay hikes their commissions requested. Berry said the sub-committee feels consultants do not belong on the same pay scale as other town employees and that commission members should decide on their consultants' salaries.

Berry went on to say that the Kent Memorial Library received all but \$10,000 of its requested \$130,000. Next year's library budget will be 24% higher than this year's, if it is approved, Berry noted.

The library was forced to cut many of its services this year after undergoing a \$20,000 budget cut.

Suffield Taxpayers

A public hearing on the 1983-84 budget will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at the Suffield High School at 8:00 p.m. Exercise your rights and voice your opinion!

Selectmen Ponder Senior Transit

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen have taken under advisement a proposal that the town assume responsibility for operating the senior transportation van on a fulltime basis. Due to a reduction in funds from the state, the Hilltown Transportation Service Consortium is no longer able to operate the van locally on a five-day basis, according to Director Monica Vandoloski. Local service has been cut to three days weekly.

Mrs. Vandoloski indicated she will receive only \$46,000 to operate four vans in several area towns for a year. In Southwick alone, she said it costs over \$15,000 to operate the van on a five-day basis. The town only contributes \$4,000 annually plus donations from riders.

Mrs. Vandoloski suggested that, for the cost of the insurance (\$1,000), she would provide the town with the van. The town would then assume financial responsibility for maintenance, gas, and driver's salary for the year.

The 1981 vehicle has about 15,000 miles on the odometer and is estimated to cost \$17,000 if purchased outright. She suggested a town the size of Southwick should seriously consider purchase of such a vehicle for its seniors in the future.

At their Wednesday meeting, selectmen also opened bids for the handicapped ramp and lavatory facilities to be installed at Consolidated School for the seniors. Four bids ranged in price from \$17,136 for both the ramp and lavatory facilities to \$8,000 for just the two lavatory facilities.

The bids were taken under advisement. The Senior Citizens' Club donated up to \$10,000 for the project with hopes of moving into the now-vacant building this spring.

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Kenneth Neilson of the Roof Committee told selectmen specifications for the \$850,000 roof project have gone out to bid and will be received until May 25th. He said his committee expects to stay under the allotted amount, including bonding costs, architectural and printing fees, and a \$70,000 contingency fund.

A full ten-year guarantee will be required from all bidders for the foam roofs on the schools and town buildings, including Consolidated School.

The Roof Committee also recommends appointing one of the school department personnel on a part-time basis to oversee the construction phase of the work because the architect will only be at the project for about two hours daily.

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VIVIAN BROWN (left) was elected chairwoman of the Southwick Board of Selectmen at Wednesday's regular meeting. **"Ben" Nascimbeni**, newly elected to the board, was named clerk for the upcoming year. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Dog-gone Sad...



...is "Cindi," 13-year-old Lisa Pepe's bassett hound who is shown receiving her routine rabies shot from vet Joseph Stoyak, chief of staff at Rowley Memorial Hospital. The annual rabies clinic in Southwick raised funds for the Ambulance Association and drew a good crowd on April 16th. Photo by John Loftus.

SENIOR TRANSIT - From Page 1...

The Roof Committee will meet with selectmen and the School Committee on June 1st to discuss the bids and recommendations.

Selectwoman Vivian Brown was elected chairperson of the board in a 2-1 vote. Newly elected Benedict Nascimbeni was elected clerk for the upcoming year.

Town Clerk Barbara Pooler announced that permits for gas storage must be renewed by May 1st. Permits not renewed by that date will be cancelled, she said.

Applications for CETA employment for teenagers in town are now available at Southwick High and Powder Mill Schools, according to selectmen. Further information concerning the program is available through the guidance office.

Selectmen say about fifteen positions will be available locally in various town departments.

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Suffield Pharmacy

Voters Veto By-Law Limiting Excavation

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: For the second time in less than a year, the town has failed to enact a by-law limiting commercial excavation over an aquifer. The April 20th Annual Town Meeting denied the citizen-requested article by a vote of 74-57. According to Roland Weeks, moderator, a by-law change requires a two-thirds majority vote.

In October, a similar article received more than 2-1 approval from a special town meeting, but was denied by the state attorney general's office because the Planning Board failed to make a recommendation at the meeting.

At the annual meeting, the board voted unanimously not to recommend the proposed change which asked that excavation not be allowed within thirty vertical feet of a predetermined aquifer area.

After a public hearing April 18th, the Planning Board unanimously voted not to recommend the addition to the by-laws. The board feels that thirty feet is "too restrictive and arbitrary," that the addition did not cover non-commercial and municipal excavations, and that no mechanics for methods of compliance with the law were provided for under the proposal.

Board members noted that there is no specific, official, scientifically determined evidence to support the thirty-foot recommendation. It is usually assumed that the state law requires a ten-foot limit over an aquifer area in Western Massachusetts. State laws also specify only a four-foot limit for excavations for septic systems and landfill operations over a water table. According to some residents, it is not removal of gravel that affects an aquifer, but how the land is used after the excavation.

Regulations Not Uniform

Another objection to the addition, according to the board, is that the plan would not provide uniform regulations for all classes of excavation. The town gravel pit, "one of the most serious violators," is within five feet of the aquifer. Digging and earth removal for construction purposes or to clear farmland

would also be affected by the general wording of the proposal, according to planners and residents at the meeting.

Board members felt they already had enough authority in requiring certain monitoring procedures as part of the permit. It could be very costly if the town were expected to further monitor operations of all excavations, according to the recommendation.

The board declined to make a recommendation in lieu of the original proposal because they are now working on a comprehensive water supply protection district by-law which will encompass all uses in aquifer areas.

Former Planning Board Chairman Clyde Jones explained that his board has moved slowly in formulating this type of legislation because so much of the town and land use is involved.

According to one preliminary map, more than 50% of the town lies within a primary aquifer area, while the remainder of the town composes a recharge area for the drinking water source.

Direct Deposit Approved

The town meeting also voted its approval of direct deposit payroll, despite the negative feelings of town officials.

Selectwoman Vivian Brown noted her board was not against the system, but had asked the School Department not to request it until the town had the facilities to implement the program.

The item was negotiated as part of the teachers' contract, but could not become effective until town meeting approval. Final approval of the town treasurer is also necessary before town employees can actually participate in the program.

Voters also approved acceptance of Granaudo Circle as a town roadway.

Norman Storey and Carrie Arnold were reappointed to the Finance for three years by the moderator. Weeks also appointed James Machesney as associate member.

Conservation Comm. Creates Summer Job

Suffield: The Suffield Conservation Commission is creating a summer job for a qualified high school graduate. The commission hopes to fill this position before Memorial Day and has enough funding in this year's budget to carry the position until June 30th. The funding from June 30 to Labor Day will depend on the acceptance of the 1983-84 budget.

The position of Summer Superintendent is being created because there are many regular maintenance needs during the busy summer season as well as scheduled rebuilding projects. The summer superintendent will also work with the consultant to the Conservation Commission to implement the commission's plans to help lower the algae content of the lake.

The summer superintendent will coordinate his/her schedule with the Recreation Commission's Sunrise Park programs to insure that there will be evening use of the waterfront area for the community this summer. The commission is hoping for a "Jack of all trades" this summer with a background in supervising skills, carpentry, woodsmanship, life-saving accreditation, public relations and a general interest in conservation.

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Board Of Ed. Holds PR Workshop

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Showing deep concern about the upcoming town meeting vote on the school department budget, the Board of Education here held a public relations workshop with Toni Pepe of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) at their April 18th meeting.

The board hopes that the workshop will give them ideas on keeping townspeople informed about various issues and the importance of not cutting the school budget which was recently passed, unchanged, by the Board of Finance.

Ms. Pepe, who the associate executive director for membership services at CABE, told the board that curriculum and budget are the most important subjects on which to communicate with the public.

She added that the teaching staff of Suffield's schools are the single most important group to relate the importance of education to townspeople.

Although it is important for educators to hold parent/teacher conferences and open houses, Ms. Pepe noted that teachers should not only talk with a parent when a child is having problems, "Parents should also be contacted when a child does well," she remarked.

She added that student achievements should be made known to the public which can be accomplished through newsletters or the media.

Ms. Pepe went on to say that it is also important for the board to have a good working relationship with the media. This includes advising newspapers and radio stations in advance of special events, workshops, and conventions. She said that packets and agendas of meetings should be provided to reporters beforehand.

Ms. Pepe suggested to the board that another way to improve communication with townspeople is to distribute a summary of each meeting to town officials, clubs, and commissions. These summaries should also be given to the entire staff of the school department to keep them informed, she added.

She stressed that another important concern is the impression a person gets when walking into one of Suffield's schools for the first time. Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ellis already does this by holding coffee hours for the public and offering workshops to his staff, Ms. Pepe noted.

Dr. Ellis said he feels there should be an ongoing citizen involvement with the schools throughout the year, not just at budget time. He discussed plans at the meeting to organize an advisory group for the board, consisting of representatives from various groups, occupations, and age levels.

Land Conservancy Receives Deed On W. Suffield Property

Suffield: In a brief informal ceremony Monday, April 25th, Terry Blunt, executive director of the Connecticut River Watershed Council, and Suffield resident Richard Chase, director of CRWC, handed over the deed for the former Spencer property on West Suffield Mountain to the Suffield Land Conservancy. "This land is now officially ours," said SLC President Russ MacNayr on behalf of the board and the people of Suffield.

Blunt praised the SLC Board for this fine achievement and expressed gratitude that the \$54,000 debt was paid on time to allow someone else an opportunity to use the fund for similar ventures.

He also reemphasized the importance of preserving this particular piece of property for protection of Sunrise Park and especially the watershed of Whites Pond. Any development in that watershed would very likely cause problems to the pond, and the SLC saw this when they decided to help purchase the property.

Blunt also highly praised Spencer Montgomery Sr., and his family for giving the Conservancy the valuable time needed to seek funding to purchase the land.

After the ceremony, the directors met and formed four committees, each with two SLC directors included to assure continuity. These committees will be called Land Management, Land Acquisition, Program/Activities/Publishing, and Membership.

The SLC seeks interested volunteers to join in putting these committees in motion. The land management committee already has a strong nucleus of six people who have previously indicated a specific interest in being involved in this aspect.

The SLC stands ready to preserve other land in town, especially land that provides a special habitat to wildlife, land which should be protected from development, or land having special passive recreational value.

The SLC will also be encouraging programs that will benefit youth and adults in town, especially those associated with nature. With the committees in place, such programs can go forward in the near future.

President MacNayr reemphasized that the SLC is greatly indebted to all the generous supporters of their fund-raising effort, both individuals and families and civic or social organizations and businesses. Without them the SLC would not have been able to raise the \$56,500 needed to pay the debt including expenses.

Letters To The EDITOR

Russ MacNayr, president of the Suffield Land Conservancy (left), accepts the deed to former Spencer property on West Suffield Mountain from Terry Blunt (center), executive director of Connecticut River Watershed Council; and Richard Chase, director of CRWC.



Suffield Residents Thanked

Thanks to you, Suffield Ambulance Association's fund drive, which officially ends on Memorial Day, is off to a terrific start. Our goal this year is \$20,000, and we have already reached the halfway mark.

If you have not made a donation and wish to do so, donations may be dropped off at the Ambulance Office or may be sent to P.O. Box 388, Suffield, CT 06078. Donations will also be accepted on behalf of the association by the Main Fire House or the Police Department.

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ZPC Okays Extension Of Special Use Permits

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: After a heated discussion at an April 18th meeting, the Zoning and Planning Commission (ZPC) approved the extension of three special use permits for B.R. Glynn International, Markwell Candies, and Suffield Pattern Works. The businesses are all located at 878 Burbank Avenue in a building owned by Brian Glynn.

The area has been subject to controversy for over a year since nearby residents began complaining that noisy business is conducted on the premises in early morning and late night hours and that Glynn's tractor-trailer trucks block the road.

Police Captain Robert Williams testified at the meeting, reading the complete log of complaints by residents from March, 1982 to the present. He noted that all complaints were called in by the same person.

Most of these complaints were for trucks blocking the road, but in almost every instance, according to Williams, the truck was gone when police arrived on the scene.

Earlier in the year, the ZPC put a curfew on Glynn's business which prohibited trucking activity between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Residents still appeared at ZPC meetings to complain about noise during these hours as well as of heavy truck traffic and unpleasant odors emanating from the building.

Third Selectman Howard Lloyd stated that he has made many visits to the area on Burbank Avenue and has not seen any violations of zoning regulations. He added that Glynn's business was not open after 7 p.m. during the visits he made.

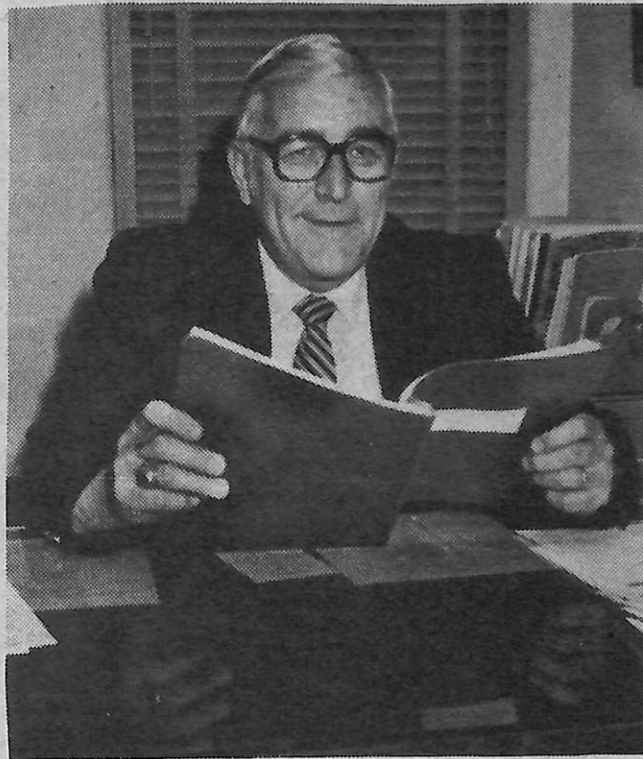
ZPC member Betty Brew said she has visited the area six to eight times at all different hours. She said there had not been any noticeable odors, but that a motor seemed to be running inside the building which is barely audible from nearby property.

In addition, Mrs. Brew stated she repeatedly noticed parked outside the building a trailer which she felt may be used for longterm storage in addition to the warehouse. If so, this is in violation of zoning regulations.

Edward Matyskiela, a resident of 846 Burbank Avenue, told the board that he was the person calling in complaints to the police. He said he also called former First Selectman Earl Waterman about the trailer that is apparently being used for storage.

Matyskiela added that he also complained of employees of the business who park their cars close to the street, some of which project out into the street. He stated as well that there are more than two trucks going in and out of the area per day, although he said this was the number given by Glynn.

Attorney Samuel Orr, representing Glynn, stated that only the warehouse is used for longterm storage, not any trailers. He went on to say that Glynn owns six



PAUL MEAGHER, chairman of the steering committee for school accreditation. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

tractor-trailer trucks and two vans and that his trucks make no more than one trip in or out of the warehouse per day.

Orr noted, however, that many commercial trailers which do not belong to Glynn are in and out of the area each day to make pickups or deliveries. He stressed that Glynn has tried to comply with the wishes of the zoning board.

Residents also voiced concern over liquor being stored in the warehouse, but Glynn stated the liquor has been removed since he no longer has a permit.

Although Building Inspector Robert Johnson was said to have found wine in the building during a March 9th inventory, Glynn assured the board that liquor would not be allowed in the building because it is leased out to the government.

Other tenants of the building, Markwell Candies and Suffield Pattern Works, had their special use permits approved also.

Markwell Candies, located in the west side of the building, is owned and operated solely by Keith Markwell of Bridge Street. He said that he works in the building no longer than four hours at a time on weeknights and some Saturdays and Sundays.

Although Markwell sometimes works in the building until 9 p.m. on weeknights, the curfew restricting Glynn does not apply to him. Markwell noted that there are no trucks coming in for pickups because UPS delivers his supplies and he makes his own candy deliveries.

However, residents have complained that the smell of candy being made has a bothersome odor.

In addition, the white glue used at Suffield Pattern Works has a slight odor, according to owner David Cortelli of East Street. He said his business is located in the basement of the building, although he is usually working there from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., no traffic is generated by the business.

Cortelli added that he makes his own deliveries and picks up his own supplies with his own vehicle.

The board approved all three permits for one year. A stipulation put on Glynn's permit will assure that only trucks and tractor-trailers in the process of loading and unloading may be allowed on the premises.

Violations of these permits will be subject to board review and then to review by the town attorney.

High School To Be Evaluated By NEASC

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: For only the third time in its 20-year history, Southwick High School is being evaluated for accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The school has been able to get the "excellent" ten-year rating due to the long hours and thorough consideration the staff has put into adapting the curriculum to the needs of its students and its community.

The present evaluators are not due at the school until next spring, but the staff has already been working since September to update the programs. Such action is an 18-month process, according to Ann Murphy of the steering committee.

After the staff has completed its research and reports, the evaluating team of area educators will visit the school for about a week to hear reports, talk with faculty and students, and even sit in on some classes.

Between now and April, 1984, much work is still to be done in preparation for the evaluation. The department has allowed the high school staff to schedule several "release days" during which teachers and administrators study current programs and determine ways of improving the total educational routine.

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Two major steps in the evaluation process have already been completed and accepted by the School Committee: analyzing the community and its students and designing a school philosophy and objectives to meet students' needs.

The School and Community Committee, chaired by social studies teacher Diane Bayzk, reported on changing programs to meet student needs and enrollment trends, the high rate of student stability despite poor economic conditions and lack of work opportunity in the local area, and an extensive program of continual student evaluation and information gathering.

The report is based on a comprehensive statistical survey of the characteristics of the community and needs, goals, and abilities of students. This information was essential in the preparation of a realistic statement of philosophy and objectives for the school, Ms. Murphy said.

The Philosophy Committee was under the direction of Social Studies Department Chairman Dominick Dieni. The updated philosophy and objectives will serve as an educational guideline for the staff in preparing appropriate programs for all students, according to the report to the School Committee.

The objectives range from development of academic skills to development of skills to function usefully in the community after graduation. The department also hopes to foster awareness of the arts and provide facilities for students to explore various career opportunities, home management, and computer skills. Parents and students, along with staff, were part of both committees.

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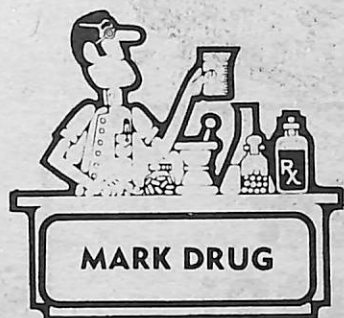
Now that these committees have completed their studies, sixteen learning area sub-committees are compiling reports of present departments and studying plans to update the various programs of study at the high school. Each department is evaluated individually and then in relation to other departments.

The process is long and involved, according to Ms. Murphy, and teachers put in many extra hours not only during time release days, but also after school.

The Learning Area Committee reports are expected to be finished by the end of the school year. In September, the staff will begin developing Southwick's program in relation to the standards for accreditation.

These standards include not only the philosophy and curriculum reports, but also facilities for student services, library, competency of staff, condition of the building, community relations, and financial support. The educational atmosphere and student and staff moral are also part of the qualifications.

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In its past two evaluations, Southwick High School has received excellent accreditation. The evaluation accreditation process is definitely beneficial, showing present strengths and weaknesses of the system and how programs need to be changed. New programs can also be implemented if there is a need, said Ms. Murphy.

There is a definite concern this year about sustaining outstanding accreditation, according to school officials. The school has been forced to reduce both staff and programs in the past few years, due primarily to financial constraints. "It is certainly a difficult and challenging chore to fund the same programs under these conditions," Ms. Murphy said.

Ten years ago, Southwick High offered its students a wide range of semester electives, extracurricular activities and sports, most of which have been eliminated in recent years because of budget, according to Vice Principal J. Paul Meagher, chairman of the Accreditation Steering Committee. He added that 8½ teaching positions have been cut and a user fee is now in effect for sports participation.

Meagher explained that the accreditation team is aware of the impact of Proposition 2½ on all Massachusetts communities, and while his staff would like to see the school back to where it was ten years ago, he does not feel it will be judged harshly because of the cuts.

Meagher said the New England Association of Schools and Colleges judges schools on what they offer students in relation to the school's philosophy. The accreditation hinges on whether a school is actually doing what it says in the several reports and evaluations made by staff for the accrediting team.

"Our major problems could come next year if the School Committee must make substantial staff cuts," Meagher said. "All of the self-evaluating being done now is based on what the school is presently offering. None of this work will be valid if there is a reduction."

Should this happen, Meagher said the school would probably have to apply for a postponement or be put on probation until it could evaluate its new program. He said he is not exactly sure how this would work.

"But we like to think positively," said the vice principal, "and feel we have a good chance for a high accreditation."

Permanent Building Comm. Reviews Projects

Suffield: The Permanent Building Commission established by town meeting in February, 1982, consists of the First Selectman and appointed townspeople familiar with both light and heavy construction, finance and business. The commission has elected as chairperson, Bruce Fuller of Poole Road and William Steinka of Marguy Lane as secretary.

The purpose of this commission is to survey the various agencies and departments in town for their present and future major repairs and construction needs. This commission, after exploring these needs, will then make their recommendations known to the commissions involved and to the Board of Selectmen for final decisions.

The Building Commission will also oversee the actual construction of these projects as they materialize. This commission should offer more organization and stability to the overall town building program, rather



CAL CHUNGLO, 30 years ago as a young boy.

Dates Set For 4-H Fair

Southwick: Just thirty years ago Cal Chunglo of Southwick was showing his prize rooster at the local shows. Today, as vice-president of the Hampden County 4-H Fair, Chunglo is reminding 4-H members to get an early start in selecting their projects for the fair.

4-Hers will be showing their horses on July 23. Vegetables, dairy, beef, sheep, poultry, arts, crafts, sewing and many other items will be exhibited July 30 at the Big E in West Springfield.

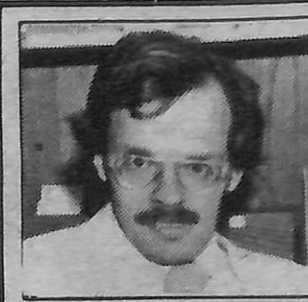
For further information please contact the 4-H office, Hampden County Extension Service, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089. Telephone 736-7204.

The Open Junior Horse Show for Hartford County will be held on Sunday, May 1st on the 4-H fairgrounds near Bradley International Airport on Route 75.

than having each department going their own separate way with its individual projects.

Currently, the commission is investigating the wants and needs of the Fire Commission with respect to the construction of a new fire station at Ebbs Corner. Also being considered, at the request of the Selectmen, are possible uses for the vacant West Suffield School building and/or its property. Several uses have been suggested for this building and the Building Commission will request meetings in the near future with both the Fire and Police Commission to discuss possible renovations of this building which could make it suitable for their needs.

The Building Commission is open to and would welcome any suggestions from townspeople that might be helpful in determining the best possible use for the West Suffield School building.



The Library Link

By Eugene Biggio

Donations To Kent Memorial

I'm frequently asked about the procedures and practices concerning donations to the library, so here's a brief rundown on the subject.

First of all the library absolutely encourages donations. We receive used books on a regular basis and although only a percentage are added to the collection, the remainder are sold at the Friends of the Library book sale in September with the proceeds going to library programs, resources and services.

Books may be brought in any time during regular hours, but if you have an enormous number of books (more than 5 boxes) it might be wise to call ahead. If you are unable to bring the books in yourself, the Friends of the Library can make arrangements to pick them up. Again call the library for this.

The library will accept all printed, published material (magazines, pamphlets, etc.) except recent newspapers as only newspapers of historical note (pre-20th century) are stored.

Often a person wishes to donate money to the library. If there is a particular reason, (such as a memorial to someone), the materials purchased will bear a plate with the person's name and the appropriate sentiment. The library will be glad to select material in memory of someone, but it helps when these donations are made if we know a little of the interests of the individual. The donor may also specify a specific purpose which, provided it meets with library selection policies or needs, will be honored.

The normal route in money donations is for the donor to send or present the monies with the specific purpose. The library staff then makes the purchase and when the material is available, informs the donor and other interested parties. Money donations not only fund certain book purchases but have also been responsible for the addition of such items as a paperback book rack and other library furnishings.

Naturally all donations to the library are tax deductible. Donations to the library are an excellent way to help your community, remember a loved one and promote something especially important in today's money-tight economy: knowledge.

The Suffield Library Commission wishes to thank the over 150 persons who have taken the time to fill out the budget survey. Better than 2/3 of you have voted for a restoration of library hours to last year's level and that is encouraging. Input through the survey, letters to the Board of Finance, and vocally at the public meetings on the budget in May, are essential for a return to full funding.

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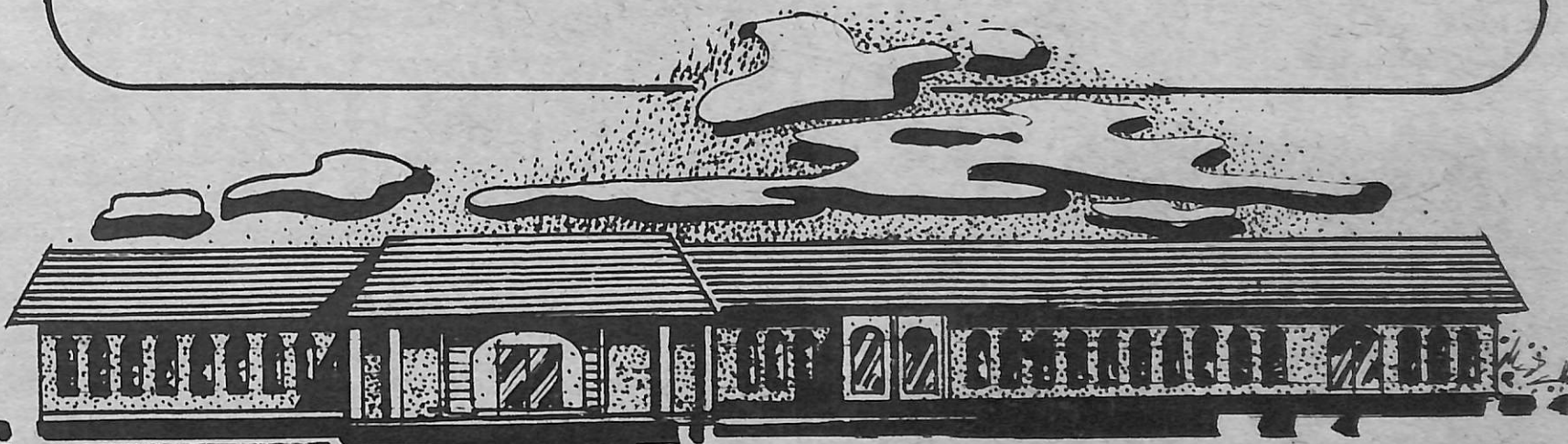
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Garden Club To Raffle Needlepoint Rug



THE SUFFIELD GARDEN CLUB will be raffling-off this beautiful wild flower, all wool, 4x6 foot needlepoint rug. Twenty-two members have worked for three years on this project. The rug is currently on display at Kent Memorial Library through May 18th. The rug will also be on display at the May Market (May 19th) at which time tickets will be for sale. Tickets may also be purchased from any Garden Club member. Proceeds from this project will be used for civic beautification and also for the awards presented from the club to graduating seniors at the Vo-Ag School. Proudly displaying this beautiful rug are, from left - Kay Greenleaf, vice president; Marie Geary, president; and Mim Oberg, coordinator of the project. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., May 2: Prepared Childbirth Class, 7, Emergency Aid Bldg.; Fire Drill, 7, Central Firestation; Jaycee Women, 7:30, call 668-1136 for information; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart Church hall, all are welcome; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph's Church hall.
Tues., May 3: Women's Club board mtg., 10 a.m., Kent Library; Free blood pressure screening clinic, 1:30, Second Congregational Church, W.Suff.; AARP board mtg., 2, Central Firestation; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's Church hall; Regulatory Implications: A Fact of Life, 7:30, Kent Library; Jaycees, 7:30, Suffield Inn; Conservation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Apollo Lodge, 7:30, Masonic Bldg.; Board of Education, 8, McAlister School.
Wed., May 4: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop, 35 Mountain Rd., open Wed. & Thurs., 10-3:30 and Fri. & Sat. 10-1; Seniors' film "Reminiscences of a Journey to Lithuania," 10, Maple Court; Public Hearing on the town budget, 8, Suffield High School.
Thurs., May 5: Computer Club class, 7, Kent Library; Computer Club, 7:30, Kent Library, all welcome; Widow & Widowers Group, 7:30, Second Baptist Church, military whist; Advisory Comm. on Capital Expenditures, 7:30, Town Hall; Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church hall.
Sat., May 7: Rotary-sponsored Fishing Derby, Sunrise Park, 9-12, Suffield children to age 16.
Fri., Sat., May 6 & 7: "Mississippi Minstrels," at Spaulding School, 8, tickets at door or by calling 668-0540 or 2677.

Small Business Workshop Slated By Kent Lib.

Suffield: Legal and regulatory conditions applicable to small businesses will be the subject of a workshop presented from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 at the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield, Connecticut. Leading the workshop will be Attorney Phillip Ettman, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business Administration at Westfield State College.

The workshop is part of the Preventure Series co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the University of Connecticut School of Business Administration, and the Kent Memorial Library. Ettman's discussion, entitled "Regulatory Implications: A Fact

of Life," will emphasize a preventive approach to legal problems.

Current treasurer of the Connecticut International Trade Association, Ettman received his Juris Doctor degree from Boston University and an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut, and New York. He was assistant general counsel for Security Insurance Group in Farmington, Conn., and was associated with a New York City law firm specializing in international trade. His Hartford practice focuses on the legal needs of small businesses and import-export concerns.

Second Congo Church Plans Musical Variety Show

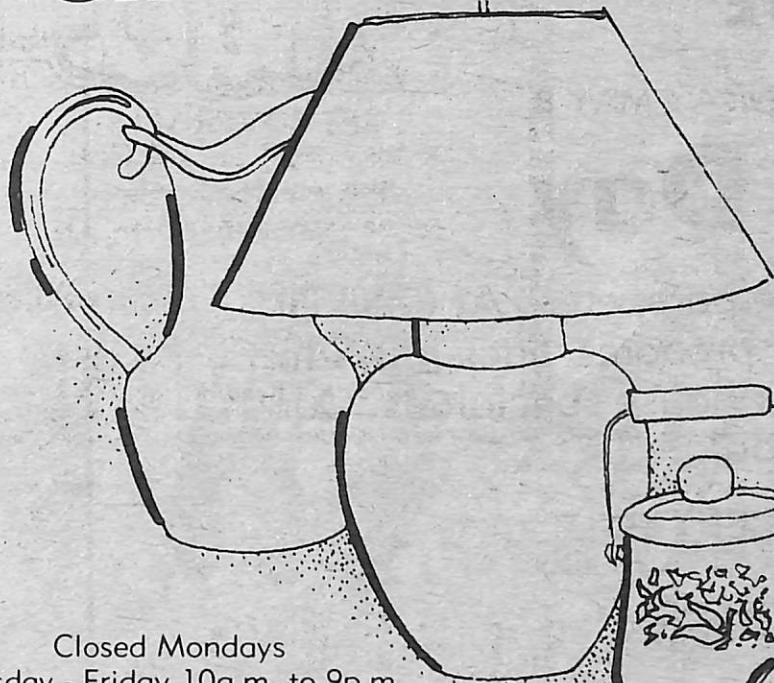
Suffield: A musical variety show entitled "Mississippi Minstrels" will be presented at Spaulding School on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th. Showtime is 8 o'clock.

Tickets are available at the door, from any chorus member, or by calling Nancy Quagliaroli (668-0540) or Harry Magnusson Jr. (668-2677).

The entertainment is family oriented with refreshments available during intermission. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

This production is being sponsored by the Second Congregational Church of West Suffield. Proceeds will be used in its general operating fund.

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Second Congo Church Honors Mr. Sheldon

Suffield: Mr. Alfred C. Sheldon of Sheldon St., West Suffield was honored by the members of his church, Second Congregational Church in West Suffield Sunday April 17th. Mr. Sheldon retired in December 1982 as treasurer of the church. He had held the position since 1938, a span of 44 years. At that time he had been elected to the job where his father Charles B. Sheldon had retired after serving since 1913 as treasurer. Mr. Sheldon's grandfather, Benjamin Sheldon held the same position for 50 years between 1863-1913. For 120 years a Sheldon has been treasurer of the Second Congregational Church.

Alfred had also served many years as a deacon and is now Deacon Emeritus. He also held other positions down through the years, but the treasurer's job was the most important of all.

During the worship service the Rev. Mr. Maury Landry presented a gift to the church in honor of Mr. Sheldon. The gift was a portable Communion Service Set. Mr. Sheldon thanked everyone but said he didn't know why he deserved it, as he was only doing his job as a member of the church. He received a round of applause.

Following the worship service a dinner was served with 88 present to honor Mr. Sheldon. Mr. Landry read letters from two former ministers. The Rev. John W. Hutchinson and Mrs. Harold K. Messner, widow of the Rev. Harold K. Messner were unable to be present. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. William V. Dorn, the most recent pastor were present and he spoke a few words. Rev. Ray DeP. Haas, pastor in the 1940s was present and gave the Benediction and also reminisced. Others also spoke including Attorney Samuel Orr who said Mr. Sheldon was respected by the whole town.

Mr. Sheldon's four children were present as well as eleven of his thirteen grandchildren and five of his ten great-grandchildren.

After all the short speeches Mr. Landry unveiled the gift from church members and friends, a color television with remote control. Again Mr. Sheldon thanked everyone and said he didn't see what all the fuss was about. Everyone sang a premature "Happy Birthday" to mark Mr. Sheldon's 90th birthday on April 20th.

Suffield Players Spring Ahead With New Comedy

Suffield: Fresh on the heels of their success at the regional community theater competition last month, the Suffield Players are busy at work preparing for a new show which will open Friday, May 13 at Mapleton Hall.

Vanities is the story of three women, and three stages in their young lives. Told before their own home vanities, we see the girls as boisterous, gregarious cheerleaders in high school, then in a college sorority house where carefree conversation soon becomes tinged by the reality of graduation and the real world, and finally at their reunion as adults. Bittersweet, amusing and sharp, the play is perfect light springtime fare.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, May 2nd. They are \$5.00, with discounts for students, seniors and groups. Reservations may be made by calling the Pioneer Answering Service, 623-4483. Seating will be cabaret style.

Vanities will be presented at Mapleton Hall on Fridays and Saturdays May 13, 14, 20, 21, and 27, 28. Doors open at 7 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m.

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Christ Lutheran Church Celebrates 20th Year



THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH in Southwick was observed with special events last weekend. An anniversary dinner was shared by guests and members of the congregation on Saturday evening, April 23rd. The 20th Anniversary Quilt, with a square representing each family of the congregation, was unveiled at that time. Above, the anniversary worship service is closed with the burning of the parsonage mortgage. Joining in with the ceremony are, from left - Paul Harlin, president of the congregation; Suzanne Sena; representing the youth of the congregation; F. Henry Wolfe, representing the vice president of the Missouri Senate - New England District; Marlene Harlin, council representative; and Rev. John Fritz, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Visiting Nurse Association Sponsors Two Screenings

Suffield: During May the Emergency Aid Association (Visiting Nurse Association) is providing two blood pressure screening sessions. This free service is available to all residents of Suffield and West Suffield.

The first screening is at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 1983 at the West Suffield Congregational Church.

The second screening will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 1983 at the Emergency Aid Association (Suffield Visiting Nurse Association) at 450 South Street at 1:30 p.m.

For those who work and are unable to attend the afternoon blood pressure clinics, an evening clinic will be available by appointment on May 17, 1983 between 4 and 6 p.m. Please call 668-0211 if you would like to set up a blood pressure screening appointment for the evening session.

Kent Library Shows Documentary Film

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library will be showing a special documentary film at Maple Court Senior Center on Wednesday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

Reminiscences of a Journey to Lithuania, is a full-color look at the people and culture of that area. Admission is free and open to all. Free minibus transportation is available. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call 668-2325. Maple Court Senior Center is located on Bridge St. in Suffield, across from Bridge Street School.

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Friends Of Southwick Library

Southwick: The Friends of the Southwick Public Library are meeting at the library Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. There has been interest in reviving the Friends of the Southwick Library group. Anyone interested in this organization is cordially invited to attend this meeting. If you have any ideas on how to make this a healthy, working organization, bring your ideas along. If possible, register your interest ahead of time by calling Mary Williams at the library, 569-6612 or Pamela Morse 569-6653.

Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a friend and make new friends. The library needs the support of the community.

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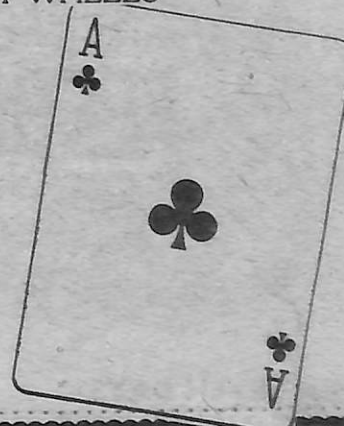
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Award For Mrs. Snow



HELEN SNOW of 6 Ed Holcomb Road, Southwick, was the winner of an original Easter song contest sponsored by the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs. She sang her song, entitled, "The Third Day," at the Club Institute in Needham, Mass., on April 7th and received a standing ovation. She was accompanied on the piano by Betty Guess, also of Southwick. Mrs. Snow is the vice-president of the Southwick Women's Club.

Rev. Daniel Donovan To Speak At Nurses Council

Rev. Daniel Donovan, C.S.S.R. of St. Alphonsus College, Suffield, Connecticut, will be the guest speaker when the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses meets on Tuesday, May 3, for an evening of renewal at the Marian Center in Holyoke. Father Donovan's opening talk will be at 6 p.m. Dinner, a second talk, and the celebration of Mass will complete the evening. Registration will be at 5:45 p.m.

News From Southwick Women's Club

Southwick: The Southwick Women's Club received 1st award for their Pressbook covering the club year of 1982-83. The Southwick Women's Club is in the 14th District of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

There are eleven federated clubs in the 14th district. The pressbook will be entered in the state contest at the annual convention of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs at Sea Crest, No. Falmouth, Mass. on May 17-19. Mrs. Marilyn Chunglo is publicity chairman for the Southwick Women's Club.

Southwick: The Southwick Women's Club will meet Tuesday, May 3 at the Suffield Inn, Suffield, Connecticut for their spring luncheon and annual meeting. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Louise Leary at 569-5027.

The business meeting will be followed by the annual meeting. Mrs. Helen Snow, vice president will preside.

The afternoon program will be presented by the club members. There will be a hat contest with prizes for the prettiest hat, the funniest hat and the most original. The club members will be the judges.

Southwick: The Southwick Women's Club will sponsor a spring luncheon and style show at the Southwick Grange Hall near the junction of 10-202 and 57 on Wednesday, May 25th. The luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Tickets will be \$5.00, available from club members or by calling Marilyn Chunglo at 569-5556.

The spring and some fall fashions from the Sally Donovan Shop in Ludlow will be modeled by club members. Fashions for the mature woman will be featured.

There will be door prizes redeemed by the drawing of admission tickets. The proceeds from this function will help support the community program of the Southwick Women's Club. The club donates annually to the Citizen's Scholarship Fund and to the Southwick Public Library. They also support the fire department and the police department by supplying equipment. Other community projects that they have supported in the past include Save the Gorge and Save the Lakes.

Support the Southwick Women's Club and they will support the community!

CHECK OUR CLASSIFIEDS!



By Mildred Talmadge

The custom of celebrating May Day has come to us from our Mother Country. In spite of the Puritans violent objections to such "licentiousness," they were unable to quell the spirit of Flora, the goddess of flowers.

With the demise of the Puritan influence, the Maypole custom was reinstated, and in 1661 in London, a 134-foot pole was erected in the Strand. In 1717, the great pole showed some decay, and Sir Isaac Newton bought and removed it to a park in Essex where he set up what was then the largest telescope in the world.

Washington Irving, visiting in England, wrote, "I shall never forget the delight I felt on first seeing a Maypole." I myself have never forgotten the amazement I felt as a child holding a ribbon, weaving in and out while symmetrically entwining the pole with an array of colored ribbons of intricate design.

We hung Maybaskets then, too. While this custom is carried on somewhat today, the recipients are more apt to be shut-ins than sweethearts.

It is sad that the Soviets have overshadowed this day to flex their muscles with a display of war equipment, but in 1957 the United States Congress declared May 1st to be Law Day, "a day set aside for Americans to rededicate themselves to the principle of individual freedom under law."

American colleges have long since had their own way of celebrating May Day. The long-established custom of hoop-rolling on the Wellesley College campus is well-known in New England. In caps and gowns, the seniors roll hoops down a slope to the chapel. The winner is destined to be the first girl in the class is marry.

In those early days, if a student married before graduation, she was automatically expelled. Today, it is possible to find a third of them married already.

Some sources claim the hawthorn, a shrub of the rose family, as the flower of May. Others insist it is the lily-of-the-valley for purity. Our first settlers discovered arbutus and called it the mayflower, but in Canada, the lily-of-the-valley has that honor.

The emerald for happiness is the month's assigned birthstone.

In any case, exclusive of the Puritans, all connotations for May are spring-like freshness and new beginnings, all of which inspire a human being of any age to get out of winter confinement and indulge in outdoor activities, be it gardening, hiking, picnicking, or whatever. Welcome, May!

Quilt & Needlework Guild May 3rd

The monthly meeting of the Quilt and Needlework Guild will be held Tuesday, May 3 at the Granville Village School, Route 57, Granville, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Chris Gaugh of Chris's Collection in Southwick will be demonstrating the counted cross stitch. Chris will show members how to personalize quilts and other handy work with their name and also an apple design.

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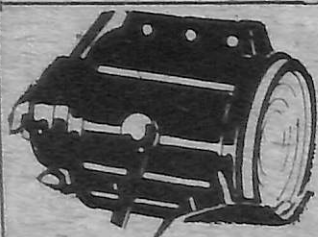
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Wed., May 4: Herb baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, cranberry sauce, roll, sliced peaches, milk

Thurs., May 5: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, banana, milk

Fri., May 6: Baked scrod, boiled parslied potato, cole slaw, wheat bread, pineapple chunks, milk

SUFFIELD SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, May 5th, from 1 to 6 p.m., a bloodmobile will take place at Second Baptist Church. Those under 65 or over 65 with a doctor's note may donate.

Also on Thursday, a blood pressure screening will take place at Maple and Laurel Courts at 9:30 a.m. for Maple Court residents and at 10:30 for Laurel Court residents.

Friday, May 6th, is Senior Citizen Day at the Enfield Mall. Many booths, information, and programs will be organized beginning at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 11th, the Urban League of Greater Hartford YMCA, 135 Broad Street, Hartford, will sponsor a program "Eating Well After Fifty." Call 241-4953 to register.

Modservations



By
Madge
Barnes

Did you ever start with writing down '24' and subtracting the hours and minutes you spend at different activities: eating, sleeping, personal care, work, commuting, TV, recreation, et al? Does it shake you up when you tally more than 24 hours in a day? How come? You doubtless stole from the upcoming day or the one just past. This is especially easy to do at the point of time change. In fact some people find it hard to adjust and continue to live on standard time for a while.

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CHAPTER 1683 OF SUFFIELD'S AARP held a meeting on Tuesday, April 26th at the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Entertaining the senior citizens was a senior citizen group from Windsor Locks called "The Choraleers." Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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Rising Details Suffield's Past

Suffield: When one has a question about an elusive detail of Suffield history, there is no better person to whom he may direct it than to Hawley Rising. Informally known as Suffield's historian, Rising has a wealth of information both in his head and at his fingertips and gladly fields all manner of queries.

Rising's interest in history is long-standing. He attributes its inception to his paternal grandmother who included Dicken's *History of England* in those books she read to him during his early years.

His particular interest in Suffield history comes quite naturally as his own family has played its own part in it. Rising can trace his family back through many generations in Suffield, the first Rising having settled in town in the mid-1700's.

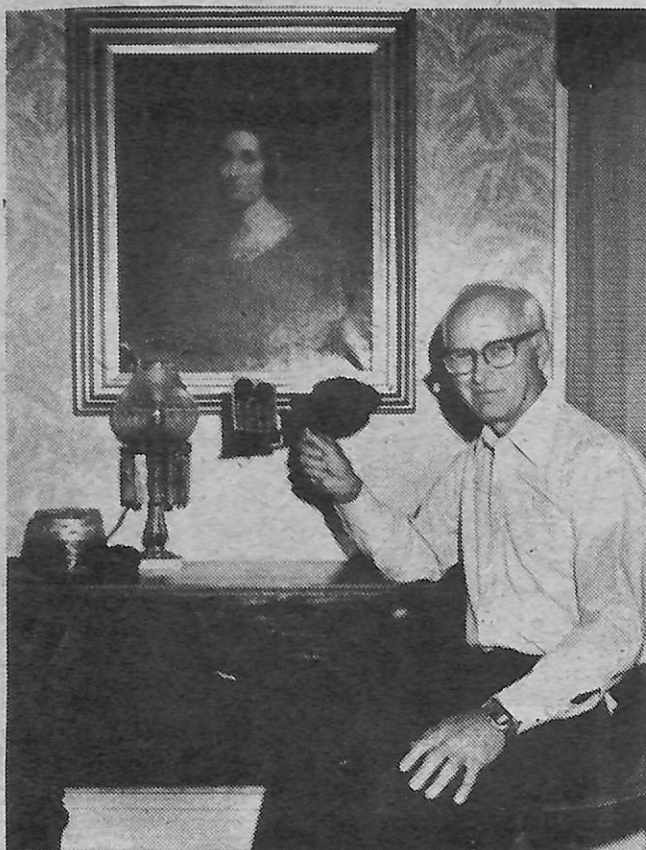
Generation after generation of Rising family members lived at Rising's Corners and ran an orchard business. The house in which Hawley now lives has been his home since his birth as it was for his father and grandfather before him. Although he sold the business several years ago, he remains busy with his interests not only in history, but also in photography, genealogy, writing, and traveling.

Active In Historical Society

In 1940, Rising attended the first public meeting of the Suffield Historical Society in the old town hall and has been an active member ever since. He currently serves as its historian.

He is also on the historical sub-committee of the Kent Memorial Library Commission. This group is responsible for the historical collection housed at the library, an extensive collection of which Rising feels townspeople can be very proud.

In the late 1960's, Rising was tapped by Suffield's Three Hundredth Anniversary Committee to work with the group charged with researching and writing the history of Suffield. This was no small task for him and



HAWLEY RISING displays old painting in background while he looks through some historical memorabilia in foreground. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

the four other committee members who each took a sixty-year time span as their particular responsibility. Several years were spent researching and authenticating original papers, town records, diaries, journals, account books, and letters.

Rising not only researched his 1790-1850 period, but worked on the other time spans as well, taking on special assignments to pursue an elusive fact or date. In his acknowledgements in *The Biography of a Town*, the final product of all the research and work, author Robert Alcorn cites Rising's contributions and states, "All this and more Hawley Rising has done with good will, enthusiasm and a sly appreciation of the human element that can bring an otherwise dull fact to life."

Photography Complements Interest In History

Rising's interest in photography blends into his leanings toward history. He has a collection of nearly 900

slides of old Suffield. Many items in the collection came from old photograph albums found by Mrs. Delphinia Clark during her extensive research on old Suffield homes.

From that base, the collection grew in response to a request of townspeople for their old pictures. That response was tremendous, according to Rising, who reproduces the old pictures by rephotographing them as slides. His use of Kodak color film gives the old black and white and sepia photos a life and warmth which he feels makes the slides even better than the originals.

Rising is frequently called on by town groups to show his Suffield slides, and he has presented such programs to grange groups, the AARP, the historical society, and the Rotary Club. He also arranged a special slide presentation for the Sheldon family of Suffield during their reunion several years ago.

Many people, he remarks, have seen his slides more than once, but seem to enjoy them as much the second time as they did the first. Several slides have been made into larger prints and are on display at the Suffield Inn.

Other Interests Compatible

Rising's interest in traveling has taken him to 25 countries and six continents, a total which will increase when he returns from his upcoming trip to Europe. He pursues his interests in writing and photography while traveling.

Keeping a diary of his activities and taking pictures has resulted in a number of slide travelogues which he offers to groups, as well as a book entitled *Travels With Hawley*, which details his travels for the ten-year period between 1969 and 1979.

The detective work involved in genealogy has long fascinated Rising, who has not only traced his own family, but has also been commissioned to do the time-consuming work for others. In addition, he volunteers his time to work in the Genealogy Room at the Springfield Public Library helping and guiding others in the family research. The popularity of *Roots*, Rising claims, has greatly increased the amount of interest in genealogy.

Rising is currently writing his memoirs. He undertook the task some time ago and worked on the project on rainy afternoons while wintering in Florida. He has written over 300 pages to date and has more to do to bring him up to his current 58th year.

With his long life expectancy (his father lived to be nearly 100), Hawley Rising's book, when finished, promises to be a lengthy one. Given his diverse interests and activities, it also promises to be a fascinating one.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Jazz Dancers Delight Suffield Youngsters At Spaulding School

By Lisa Pawelcik

Suffield: One way to silence the chatter of restless girls and boys is to fascinate them with a performance of jazz dancing. Such an occurrence is exactly what took place on Tuesday, April 26th, as the Connecticut Jazz Dance Company visited Suffield's Spaulding School both to entertain and to educate students.

The Hartford-based group was established in 1978 under the direction of Karin B. Whitely and consists of four dancers and a narrator. The Connecticut Jazz Dance Company has performed around the state at various festivals and outdoor concerts.

On Tuesday, the group of talented performers enthralled their audience with a show entitled "A Dance Tour of the United States. The "tour" used different states to introduce students to jazz dance.

For example, the state of New York's theme was musicals, and this portion of the program featured soft-shoe routines. Kentucky's theme was bluegrass music and introduced country-western music and hoedown style of dancing.

Students were also acquainted with dance steps which originated in the Big Band era and with the more formal ballet.

The professionals also incorporated props and small skits into their routines along with music and dance steps. A lion's mane, a straw hat, and a witch's hat and cape added to the illusion as the performers danced to selections from the musical *The Wiz*, a modern version of the traditional *The Wizard of Oz*. Students seemed to particularly enjoy this routine because of their familiarity with the story.

Two first-grade students, Kimberly Johnson and Debbie Lecuyer, especially enjoyed the animated motions of the dancers and the liveliness of the music. For Debbie and many of her classmates, this was their first exposure to jazz dance, and their interest was apparent as they listened intently while watching the show.

Although the performance had a great entertainment value, it was also an educational experience as well. Students learned that jazz dance is an art form which combines tap dance, social dance, and ballet. It had its origins in the African forms of dance and is an art form in step with ever-changing styles.

According to Barbara Tanguay, vocal music teacher, the students learn much more than mere facts about dance while viewing such a professional performance. "They have never seen the world of a professional dancer, and that's what makes such a show so exciting for them," she explained.

The show by the Connecticut Jazz Dance Company was sponsored by the Visiting Artist Program and is one of many events held throughout the school year to enrich students' knowledge of art and its various forms.

Jaycee Women Sponsor Fingerprint Program

Suffield: The Suffield Jaycee Women will be having their monthly meeting at 721 Latham Lane at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 1983.

The Suffield Jaycee Women are sponsoring the fingerprinting of the children of Suffield. The printing will be done on a voluntary basis. This service is available free of charge at the Bridge Street School cafeteria on Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for any child newborn through 18 years of age.

Children must be accompanied by their parent who will be asked to sign a permission slip at the time of printing. Officers of the Suffield Police Department have volunteered along with Stanley Staszko of the Sentry Security to do the fingerprinting. The prints will be taken on a personal identification fingerprint card.

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AS PART OF THE VISITING ARTISTS PROGRAM, jazz dancers from the Connecticut Jazz Dance Company entertained students at Spaulding School in Suffield last week. From left are dancers Beth Jones, Thomas Giroir, Cameron Tappin, and Christine Kuzia. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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By Stu Fuller
Guidance Chairman
Suffield High School

Suffield: Seven members of the class of 1984 placed among the top 5% of students who entered the 1984 Merit Program of the National Merit Scholarship Program. Because of their outstanding academic potential, as measured by the P.S.A.T./NMSQ Test taken last October, they have been offered an opportunity to be identified to colleges they may be interested in by the N.M.S.C. Congratulations go to Carl Casinighino, Kristin Coffin, Roderic Colson, Robert Evans, Joseph Fitzgerald, Marilyn Jentzen and Adam Roy for their fine accomplishment.

Scheduling has been progressing smoothly at the high school and at this time, almost all members of the classes of '84, '85, and '86 have been scheduled. Students are given handwritten copies of their schedule and encouraged to take them home and discuss them with their folks.

Dr. Ellis, Superintendent of Schools, is encouraging townspeople with any questions or concerns about the educational programs and budget to call and has even offered to attend "coffee" meetings of concerned citizens at mutually convenient times. Anyone interested in either in encouraged to call Dr. Ellis at 668-7347.

The following were recent additions to the college acceptance board. Congratulations go to: Arthur Crockett, UConn; Andy Davis, Valley Forge; Mary Jo Cranmore, Providence College; Bob Butler, UConn; William Caswell, UConn; Bob Heyse, Embry Riddle and Syracuse; David Dixon, UConn; Ann Golec, UConn; Sue Kolls, Clark; Greg Stagg, UConn.

Spring Concert Slated At Southwick High

A spring concert will be performed by the Southwick High School Concert Band and Chorus on Wednesday, May 4th, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the school on Feeding Hills Road.

The chorus, under the direction of Jack Lampiasi and accompanied by Alice Engelhardt, will sing *Perhaps Love* by John Denver, *Old Irish Blessing*, *Sanctus* by Franz Schubert, and a medley of tunes from Rogers and Hammerstein's *Sound of Music*.

The concert band, under the direction of Ernest DeNapoli, will perform *Pastorale and Contrapunt* and *American Variations*, a medley of different presentations of the tune Barbry Ellen, an American folk song.

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Grade 8

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Scholarship Fundraiser Set In Granville

The Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Fund will hold its two annual "Fish Fries" on Friday, May 6 and Friday, May 20 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Granville Village School on Route 57. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Fish dinner includes fries, cole slaw and beverage. Take-out is available. All are welcome.

At both dinners, tickets will be on sale for the "night on the town for two" raffle. Prize includes dinner at Gaetano's in Hartford and transportation via limousine. Donation is \$1.00. The drawing is May 20.

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Prew Finds Job "Challenging & Rewarding"

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: "If you are happy and feel that you are making a contribution, you will stay at your job." This is the belief of Alexander Prew, principal at Southwick High School.

For thirty years now, Prew has been happy at his job, contributing to the education of Southwick students. Starting as a sixth-grade teacher, he moved into the position of principal at Powder Mill School. From there, he shifted to the newly-built high school where he has remained since. According to Prew, he has always found his job challenging and rewarding.

When the high school was in the building process, Prew was instrumental in its design. He would visit other schools each week to view their layout and would then return with information and suggestions. He found this aspect of his duties fascinating.

Prew has always felt his choice to work in Southwick was a good one. A resident of Hatfield, Massachusetts, he was attracted by the similarities in both towns, both farming and tobacco communities.

He fondly recalls Clarence Hudson, who was truant officer, bus driver, and tobacco farmer in Southwick at the time he started out. Hudson would always stop by Prew's office to discuss tobacco crops and other areas of agriculture. Prew felt comfortable with these people as well as with many others who would eventually cross his path in the field of education.

Southwick has gone through a growth and building process and is now in the midst of accreditation for its high school. Prew has served on twelve area accreditation teams and is familiar with all that must be done. He explains that Southwick is now in a self-evaluation process, the first and perhaps most important step towards earning a successful accreditation.

School enrollment in Southwick currently stands at about 560, with 45 faculty members. The goal of the high school, according to Prew, is to provide for the needs and abilities of all students, whether college-bound or job oriented.

The various departments within the school direct their objectives toward this important overall goal. In order to keep up with modern demands, Southwick High has had to upgrade its programs, especially in the area of computer use which should become a regular part of the curriculum in the fall.

Prew is hoping to obtain a word processor to round out the Business Department. According to him, the revolution in education today seems toward technology, and he feels schools must plan their curriculum to meet up-to-date demands. He says schools have the responsibility to prepare students for what lies ahead of them.

Another important aspect of education at Southwick High is its elective program. Some students need to be offered special courses to maintain their interest and allow them to express themselves fully.

Budgeting for electives requires a lot of planning and many teachers. "Everytime a teaching position is eliminated, you must find a place for about 150 students," Prew explains.

Fortunately, he has so far been able to juggle schedules and monies to keep the program in tact.

Along with budgets and faculty organization, are the students themselves. Prew finds the young people he encounters daily challenging.

"I don't mind young people asking questions. Schools are intended for them, and they should have some input," he states.



SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ALEXANDER PREW. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

For him personally, interacting with students has been good. He believes that his job is partially responsible for helping him get through many health problems he has endured.

"One nice thing about being associated with kids is that you think young," he says, adding, "When you walk through that door every morning, you leave your own problems outside."

Through the years, students have come and gone, having absorbed knowledge and grown into adults. Alexander Prew has been at his job, finding ways to meet the challenges of a changing world in an effort to keep Southwick High School top quality.

His enjoyment of such effort has been one of the rewards of what he terms a "positive experience." For Southwick students, their experience has also been a positive one, thanks to their caring principal.

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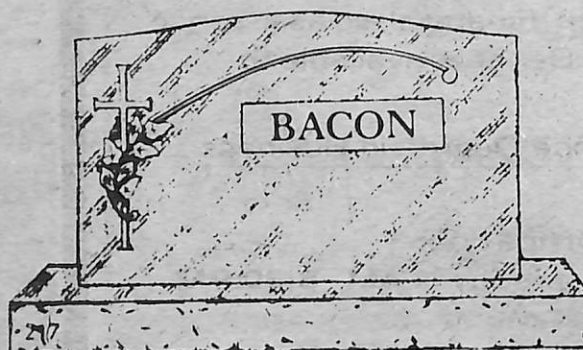
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SPORTS/RECREATION

Rams Take St. Mary's In 1-0 Thriller

By Bob Hrycay

In Southwick schoolboy baseball, pitching makes perfect. Unscramble the Rams' staff and you have arms coming from all directions and opponents' bats have been stopped cold in the early season.

"If our pitching comes through, we'll be tough," is Coach Jim Vincent's favorite password. In his team's five opening wins, his hurlers have been nothing short of sensational, giving up just three earned runs.

Lanky junior righthander Darryl Leveille authored his second masterpiece this season on Wednesday, firing a two-hitter as the locals prevailed in extra innings over league rival St. Mary's in a 1-0 thriller.

In his two wins, Leveille has pitched 16 innings of scoreless ball while allowing just three hits.

Tom McLaughlin's line single to right with one out in the bottom of the ninth plated Mike Molta with the winning tally. The fleet-footed centerfielder started things off with an opposite field single and stole second to get into scoring position.

The Rams win spoiled a 12-strikeout performance by Saint righty Brian Minalga, who held the locals to six hits, two by second sacker Kurt Geryk. But when he tried to slip a heater by McLaughlin, the left swinging first baseman was waiting.

Big Darryl's out-pitch was a sinker that induced 18 groundouts. The Saints' final safety came on a slow roller by Jerry Tessier to lead off the second.

Leveille got out of that jam by fanning Steve Sullivan and Ted Burns. He finished with three K's and only walked two.

After recovering from those early jitters, Leveille mowed down the next 14 Saints. He was backed by some solid defensive play by third baseman Dan Cook and shortstop Todd Typrowicz.

With two outs in the ninth and a runner on second, Typrowicz roamed deep to his left to nip Brian Thompson for the final out.

As testimony to the Rams' strong glove work and the pitching of Leveille, the Saints three leading hitters, Bob Brockney, Bill Fitzgerald, and Sullivan, all came in to the game hitting at a .500 clip. The trio went a collective 0-11, eight of those outs coming on grounders.

Meanwhile, on the road at Smith Vocational last Tuesday, Kyle Moquin and Eric Jackson combined for an eight-hitter as the Rams took a 4-1 decision.

Moquin picked up the win, allowing five hits in as many innings. Vincent expressed satisfaction over the junior's first mound appearance of the season.



SOUTHWICK FIRST BASEMAN Tom McLaughlin stretches for a high throw as St. Mary's Jerry Messier beats out a second in-field hit. McLaughlin later stroked the game-winning single in the Rams 1-0 victory Wednesday. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

The Rams broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth win a three-run spurt, featuring an RBI single by Jim Bruno and a sacrifice fly by Mike Molta.

McLaughlin had two of Southwick's six hits in the affair. Jackson picked up the save in erratic but scintillating fashion, walking four and fanning six over the last two frames.

On Friday, April 22, lefty John Coward spun his second gem of the spring, a two-hitter, as the Rams got by Gateway 3-1. In the seasonal opener with Granby, Coward hurled a one-hitter.

The Rams met Hampshire Regional this past Friday (presstime) at home and hit the road Tuesday to face Westfield Vocational.

Atkinson's Boys Tear; Now 4-0 After Crushing Palmer

By Bob Hrycay

In their first hot weather outing, the Southwick High boys' track and field team kept on sizzling in a 92-53 scorching of league rival Palmer at home this past Thursday.

Coupled with last Monday's 102-42 laughter over Ludlow, Dick Atkinson's Rams sport a perfect 4-0 league record and are 4-1 overall.

Garnering another pair of first place finishes was senior Brian Phillips, the Rams leading point-getter. He remained undefeated in the triple jump at 37-8 feet and took the 120 high hurdles in 21.7 seconds.

"He's pretty constant," Atkinson beamed. He expects to Phillips to stretch out to 39 feet in the triple jump in order to qualify for the Western Mass. tournament. Phillips also finished second in the long jump at 16-5 and ran the final leg of the winning 440 relay team that crossed the line in 50.7 seconds.

Handing the Rams a big lead in the 440 relay going into the final quarter were Eric Cammisa, Matt Crick, and Steve DesRoches.

Evan Anderson, another of Atkinson's senior aces, beat the heat very nicely, taking the mile in 4:39. Junior Ron Ward punched in his best clocking of the season, coming in second at 4:57.

Other Rams winners in the running events were Brett Matossian's 59.3 in the 440, Andy Kilgore's 46.6 in the 330 low hurdles, and Dave DeRay's 2:12 in the 880. Tim Connors took top honors in the 100 yard dash with an 11.8 clocking.

In the 880, Atkinson was particularly impressed by the performance of junior Ron Bates who shaved eight seconds off his previous best time of the spring. Bates came in at 2:17.

Other Rams point scorers in the running events were Mike Tichy (second in the 120 high hurdles and 330 low hurdles), Dale Rock's third in the 440, Greg Leclerc's third in the 220, two-three finishes in the two mile by Mike Nelson and Bob Tingley, and a dead-heat for third in the 100 yard dash by Cammisa and Eric Leavitt.

Cammisa brought a smile to Atkinson's face in the javelin with his best throw ever, 136-8 feet. "He's getting better with every match," Atkinson said.

Demonstrating some muscle as well were discus and shotput winners Ken Moore and John Reed. More's throw of 130 feet was his best of the season, while Reed heaved the iron ball at 38-4 feet. Reed also scored a personal high throw in the javelin at 136 feet.

Atkinson expects a pair of closer meets this week at East Longmeadow on Tuesday followed by a home matchup with Chicopee on Thursday.

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Rams Battle Back In Softball With Three Straight Triumphs

By Bob Hrycay

Getting their bats in gear and improving in the field, the Southwick High girls softball team ripped off impressive victories over Belchertown, Holyoke Catholic and Gateway Regional to boost their record to 4-3 in Division D.

At Gateway on Thursday, the lady Rams used a 13-run first inning and a pair of solo homers by catcher Renee Duval to breeze past the overmatched Gators, 25-10.

Red-hot Renee clubbed her round trippers in the fourth and seventh frames and went 4-6 on the day. Both her tators were screaming liners down the left field line.

Supporting the fine pitching of Jamie York were Mary Ann Marceno (4 hits and 4 runs scored), outfielders Wendy Chase and Karen Friss (2 hits and 2 RBI's each), infielders Cindy Lapan and Alison Hiers (3 hits and 1 RBI apiece).

"We really hit today and there were some good shots too," said Rams Coach Mike Camerota of his club's 24-hit explosion. After a 1-3 start, Camerota is obviously relieved over Southwick's sudden turnaround.

The locals committed just four errors on Thursday and misplayed one against Belchertown. This represents a far cry from what's occurred in the opening four contests.

If we can play defense, the rest will fall into place," says Camerota, who sounds like a broken record with an emphasis on defense. And why not? The locals lost many key ballgames a year ago because of defensive lapses and this year that trend started again.

Southwick used some clutch hitting in a 19-11 come-from-behind victory over Belchertown this past Wednesday.

Trailing 11-8 in the top of the sixth, the winners rallied for a big eight-run seige to take the lead for good. Bases loaded walks to Kim Jone and Marceno (3-3) got the Rams rolling. Duval (3-4, 3 RBI's) and Lapan each followed with two-run singles.

Hiers highlighted the big inning with a base-clearing triple. Chase gained her second win on the mound against no defeats.

In another wild one at home against Holyoke Catholic last Tuesday, the Rams rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to nose out the Gaels, 14-13.

Lisa Thompson's single deadlocked it and Marceno drove in the winner. Robin Schools earned her first win of the season on the hill.

This Monday's road affair with Hampshire is one that Camerota is counting on to be another donnybrook. Also on the slate in a busy week are home games with St. Mary's on Wednesday and Hopkins on Friday.

Conservation Commission Plans Nature Walk

Suffield: Suffield is blessed with many of nature's beauties. Discover some of them on a walk, planned with the cooperation of the Conservation Commission.

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SOUTHWICK VARSITY HURLER ROBIN SCHOOLS shows her stuff during a recent workout at Southwick High. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Female Racquets Off To Slow Start

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield: The Suffield High girls tennis team now stands 0-4 after a most recent loss to the Windsor club.

In this match Cindy Wills was serving well to Windsor's Karen Loucks, but could not hold off her baseline shots. The match ended 7-5, 2-6, 0-6 in Windsor's favor.

The second singles slot was filled by Suffield's Suzanne Lingenfelter who put up a hard fight against Wendy Sasudowich 1-6, 6-3, 1-6. This was another victory for Windsor.

Diane Lingenfelter played third singles against Louie Elston and was Suffield's only victor, 6-2, 6-1.

Mary Currie was the Wildcats' fourth defensive participant up against A. G. Ericson. The match ended 6-3, 1-6, 1-6.

Kristen Chamberlain and Mary Beth Prew took the first set of their match but were unsuccessful in defeating Vicki Hoddinott and Karen Lee in the third set or the tie-breaker. This game finished 6-2, 1-6, 6-6, 3-7.

Teresa Coggins and Suzy White competed against Renata Hron and Jenny Moore of Windsor. Suffield was again defeated at 1-6, 4-6. At the third doubles spot Monica Llamas and Melissa Shwalbach lost to Carol Symons and Sue Weisse 3-6, 1-6.

The girls are now looking at a match next Monday, May 2nd against South Catholic. This game will be played on the Suffield courts. It is a match that coach Leary and coach Finn are working hard towards.

Suffield Gals Beat Somers, East Windsor

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield High's female track and fielders came out of the starting blocks with a bang, winning their first two meets of the season against Somers and East Windsor on April 12th and April 21st, respectively.

Under Coach Diane Nappier, Suffield copped first place in 11 of the 15 events and placed in all events.

In their meet against Somers, Lisa Gebhart, Cathy Kriss, Missy Wentworth and Kathy Leahan were the winning quartet for Suffield in the 100 meter relay. Suffield's premier hurdler, Cathy Kriss, came out on top in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles with times of 19:14 and 54 seconds, respectively.

Leahan broke the tape first in the 400 and 200 meters. New to track this season, Leahan is proving to be quite a valuable asset. Jill Woodworth, Suffield's long distance runner, led the field in the 3000 meter run with a time of 13:08, while Chelen Edwards, a veteran team member and tri-captain, won the 1500 meter run in 6:04.

Somers snatched wins in the 100 meter run and 800 meters and the 400 meter relay. However, Suffield's Latonia Lindsay placed second in the 100 with a clocking of 14.7, while Mary Jennings and Ronda Kosman placed in the 800, each with a 3:03, a tenth of a second behind Somers' Roxanne Stewart.

In the field, Suffield dominated with Ann Golec, Wentworth, and Charlene Hawley placing first, second, and third in the shotput. Edwards appeared again with first in the javeline toss (80-3 feet), followed by Kim Washburn with a 70-2 foot throw. Edward also victored in the discus (81-4), followed by Hawley (80-7 feet) and Golec (77-11 feet). Kathy Leahan placed second in the long jump.

In the end, the locals crushed Somers on the scorecard, 93-34.

The results against East Windsor were similar. Gebhart, Kriss, Wentworth, and Leahan again won the 100 meter relay. Kriss won the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. Leahan victored in the 400 and 200 meters with respective times of 65 and 27.9 seconds. She also took the long jump and was followed by frosh Kristen Kling.

Kosman, with a time of 5.44 minutes, took the 1500, followed closely by Edwards (5.32 seconds). Verena Hoene captured the 800 and 3000 meter runs. Suffield did lose the 400 meter relay and 100 meter hurdles.

In field events, Suffield completely dominated the action with a barrage of firsts. In the shot, Wentworth victored with a 29 foot throw, followed by Hawley (28-8 feet), and Golec (26-10 feet). Edwards and Washburn placed first and second in the javelin with respective marks of 23.93 feet and 20.77 feet. In the discus, first, second, and third were captured by Suffield's Goodwin, Edwards, and Hawley.

Goodwin won the high jump with a five foot jump and Wentworth placed third.

Suffield, at presstime, stands at 2-0 in the league.

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Suffield Tracksters Off & Running (3-1)

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield: The Suffield boy tracksters are pumping strong after just two weeks of competition. The locals claim victories over East Windsor, Somers, and Stafford, while only falling to Avon.

In the most recent meet held on April 27, the Wildcats just touched out their Stafford opponents 78-76.

Suffield dominated the field events. Wildcat Larry Lopez swept first place in the long-jump with 5.73 meters and he also earned the blue ribbon in the triple jump with 11.99 meters.

Jeff Osowiecki earned 5 points for a 12.51 first place shot-put throw. Osowiecki also placed third in the discus for a 32.54 meter performance. Bob Evans took second in the "shot" after a 32.70 meter hurl.

In the pole vault Wildcat Kenny Mather "floppe" his way to a 10 foot victory and following close behind were Suffield's Claude Dion who took one more than Mather, and Bryon Bailey at 10 ft. and 9 ft. 6 in. respectively.

On the track, Bret Lynch did some fancy footwork. This Wildcat took the gold in the 800 meter scurry with a time of 2:05.5, not to mention his 5,000 trot. In this event Bret Lynch claimed first with 17:32.0, while teammate Bob Heyse came in at 19:20 and Brian Stevenson at 19:30 for the bronze.

Lopez worked on the track for a third place, 400 meter which he completed in 36.65 seconds. However, Lopez captured another victory in the 3,000 at 9:56 and local buddy Matt Bromson held third place at 10:39.56.

Evans also was seen on the track, finishing second in the 100 meter wind sprint at 11.14 seconds and finishing second in the 300 meter race at 45.69 seconds.

Peter Gardner and Claude Dion took first and second place in the 200 with respective times of 24.8 seconds and 25.37 seconds. These young men also competed in the 100 meter race. Gardner held the red ribbon at 11.94 seconds and Dion took the white ribbon at 11.97 seconds.

The Wildcat relay team worked together for a victory. Dion, Gardner, Brian Mandirola, and Osowiecki took the gold in this 4x100 meter event.

Coach Sinicrope is excited with the work of his team and is anxious for competition on Tuesday, May 3rd to be held in Windsor Locks against that team and Newington.

Wildcat Nine Plagued By Early Season Woes

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield: Suffield High's varsity baseball team seems to be having a bit of trouble getting things rolling, as they stand 0-4 after their first four games.

In their second outing, playing against Windsor Locks on April 21st, Suffield was dominated by the pitching of sophomore Glenn Ludden. Ludden held the Wildcats to only two hits and fanned seven. David Aprea relieved Ludden in the seventh.

The Wildcats, being rained out of two games after losing to East Windsor on April 15th, had just cause to be a little rusty for their second contest. The team's only two hits came from stand-in catcher Dan Sheridan, who drilled a single in the second inning, and Mark Burton, Suffield's losing pitcher, who doubled in the sixth. Pete Winiarski came in to aid a losing cause in the sixth.

Locks came through with eight hits, with Bob Edes leading the way with three singles. Paul Senofonte was two for three, and Mike Jordan tripled while Paul Callahan smacked a double.

Suffield's third game on April 26th seemed to be all sewn up by the top of the seventh, as they led Ellington 2-1. However, in this inning, pitcher Jim Danise walked the Knights' Chris Hyland, who stole second. Tim Armstrong came in for starting pitcher Steve Mitchell who had been ejected because of a violation of the free substitution rule and doubled to bring Hyland home, thus tying the game. Suffield failed to score in their final half and the game went into extra innings.

Some teams seem to wait until the last minute to score their runs. Such was the case with Ellington. Wayne Lancioni relieved Danise in the eighth and faced third baseman Ken Buchanan, who promptly singled. From there, things went all downhill for Suffield.

Grea Nelson doubled and Frank Naumec loaded the bases. Mike Orłowski walked to bring his team's third run across the plate. Eric Mason also reached first base by way of a walk as another run crossed the plate and Hyland singled in Ellington's fifth and final run.

Suffield again failed to get the hits they so often desperately need and, as a result, fell to the Knights 5-3. Suffield dipped to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the league and went into their second match against Windsor Locks on April 27th with their confidence somewhat bruised.

This shaky confidence took its toll as Suffield floundered and succumbed to the powerful Raiders losing 8-0. Jeff Alers, sophomore starter for Suffield, who gave up six hits and five walks, was relieved by John Dieli in the fifth, who also delivered Suffield's only hits.

Windsor Locks pitcher John Monocchio gave up six walks, was walked in the second and reached on a fielder's choice in the fourth. He was relieved by Scott Nai in the sixth. Mike Jordan rapped two hits for the Raiders, while Tom Dooley, Robert Edes, Tom Mandrola, Glenn Ludden and Paul Callahan each got a hit.

Thus, Suffield loses four consecutive games and will continue on May 2nd at East Granby, hoping to break out of their slump.

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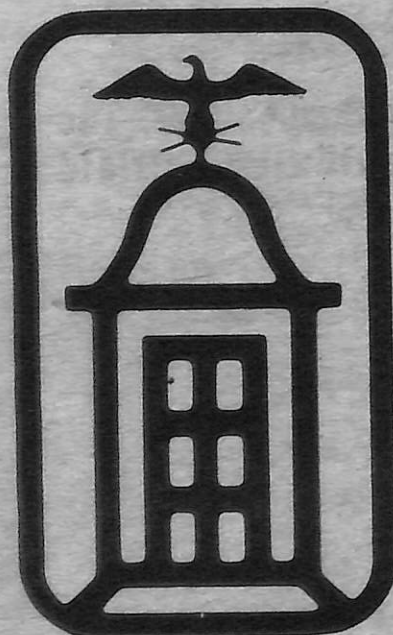
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